

THE CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A trekking staff, comprising:
a solid shaft portion having a first end and a second end; and
a hollow elongated chamber portion having a first end and a second end, the second end of the hollow chamber being detachably coupled to the first end of the solid shaft portion.
2. The trekking staff according to claim 1, wherein the hollow elongated chamber portion includes a direction finding device.
3. The trekking staff according to claim 2, wherein the direction finding device is a mechanical magnetic compass.
4. The trekking staff according to claim 2, wherein the direction finding device is an electronic magnetic compass.
5. The trekking staff according to claim 2, wherein the direction finding device is a global positioning system receiver.
6. The trekking staff according to claim 1, further comprising a grip portion.
7. The trekking staff according to claim 6, wherein the grip portion conforms to a shape of the trekking staff.
8. The trekking staff according to claim 6, wherein the grip portion includes a strand of cord-like material.

9. The trekking staff according to claim 8, wherein the grip portion is spool shaped, and wherein the strand of cord-like material is wrapped around the spool-shaped grip portion.
10. The trekking staff according to claim 8, wherein the strand of cord-like material includes a loop.
11. The trekking staff according to claim 10, wherein the loop is adjustable in size.
12. The trekking staff according to claim 1, further comprising a light emitting device.
13. The trekking staff according to claim 12, wherein the light emitting device is selectably controllable to emit one of a constant light and a flashing light.
14. The trekking staff according to claim 13, wherein the light emitting device is selectably controllable to emit a flashing light containing a message in Morse code.
15. The trekking staff according to claim 12, wherein the light emitting device emits a plurality of light colors.
16. The trekking staff according to claim 12, wherein the light emitting device is controllable to emit light of a selected color.
17. The trekking staff according to claim 1, further comprising a tip portion having a first end and a second end, the first end of the tip portion being detachably coupled to the second end of

the solid shaft portion, and the second end of the tip portion being tapered.

18. The trekking staff according to claim 17, wherein a cross-sectional shape of the second end of the tip portion is round.

19. The trekking staff according to claim 17, wherein a cross-sectional shape of the second end of the tip portion is square.

20. The trekking staff according to claim 1, further comprising a tip portion having a first end and a second end, the first end of the tip portion being detachably coupled to the second end of the solid shaft portion, and the second end of the tip portion including an aperture having a size that allows a cord-like material to pass through the aperture.

21. The trekking staff according to claim 1, wherein the hollow elongated chamber portion contains a water purification system.

22. The trekking staff according to claim 1, wherein the hollow elongated chamber portion contains a water collection system.

23. The trekking staff according to claim 1, wherein the hollow elongated chamber portion contains a first aid kit.

24. The trekking staff according to claim 23, wherein the first aid kit includes a single-use medication dispenser comprising:

a reservoir containing a single-use portion of a liquid-type bandage material; and
a tearable opening through which the liquid-type bandage material is dispensed.

25. The trekking staff according to claim 23, wherein the first aid kit includes a single-use medication dispenser comprising:

- a reservoir containing a single-use portion of antiseptic; and
- a tearable opening through which the antiseptic is dispensed.

26. The trekking staff according to claim 1, wherein the trekking staff includes a single-use medication dispenser comprising:

- a reservoir containing a single-use portion of a liquid-type bandage material; and
- a tearable opening through which the liquid-type bandage material is dispensed.

27. The trekking staff according to claim 1, wherein the trekking staff includes a single-use medication dispenser comprising:

- a reservoir containing a single-use portion of antiseptic; and
- a tearable opening through which the antiseptic is dispensed.

28. The trekking staff according to claim 1, wherein the hollow elongated chamber portion contains survival equipment.

29. The trekking staff according to claim 1, wherein the hollow elongated chamber portion contains a communication device.

30. The trekking staff according to claim 29, wherein the communication device includes a communication receiver.

31. The trekking staff according to claim 29, wherein the communication device includes a

transmitter.

32. The trekking staff according to claim 31, wherein the transmitter transmits a voice communication.

33. The trekking staff according to claim 31, wherein the transmitter transmits a homing signal.

34. The trekking staff according to claim 31, wherein the transmitter transmits positional information of the trekking staff.

35. The trekking staff according to claim 29, wherein the communication device is a bidirectional communication device.

37. The trekking staff according to claim 1, wherein the hollow elongated chamber portion contains an MP3 player.

38. A trekking staff, comprising:
a shaft portion having a first end and a second end; and
a hollow elongated chamber portion having a first end and a second end, the second end of the hollow chamber being detachably coupled to the first end of the solid shaft portion, the hollow elongated chamber portion containing an audio reproduction device.

39. The trekking staff according to claim 38, wherein the audio reproduction device is an MP3 player.

- 40. The trekking staff according to claim 38, wherein the audio reproduction device is a tape player.
- 41. The trekking staff according to claim 38, wherein the shaft portion is a solid shaft.
- 42. The trekking staff according to claim 38, wherein the shaft portion is a tubular shaft.
- 43. A single-use medication dispenser comprising:
 - a reservoir containing a single-use portion of a liquid-type bandage material; and
 - a tearable opening through which the liquid-type bandage material is dispensed.
- 44. A single-use medication dispenser comprising:
 - a reservoir containing a single-use portion of antiseptic; and
 - a tearable opening through which the antiseptic is dispensed.